

As the Apple Tree

Song of Solomon 2:3

I. Rare in the wild

Profitable: Mentioned among the most valuable trees in Palestine (Joel 1:12)

Beautiful: In blossom it is fragrant

Useful: It is a shadow in the storm, rest, refreshment, comfort, and desire to abide

II. Fruitful tree

Diversity of fruit: More kinds of apples than any other fruit in the world
(Love, Grace, Mercy, Peace-Inward, Joy-inward, Happiness-outward)

Fruit is pleasant & sustaining

Ps. 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good...

Ps. 119:103 How sweet are they words unto my taste!

Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Refreshing to the traveler

III. Fragrant in bloom, but more fragrant when crushed

Wheat when it is ground by the millstone can feed the world

Herbs when crushed by the mortar and pestle can heal the nations

Grapes when tread under foot can quench the thirst

He has done all of this and more when He was crucified on Calvary!

John 6:55-56 My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me, and I in him.